

AGENDA MEMO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2006

DEPARTMENT: Metropolitan Police

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Hearing to review the conditions set by the City Council regarding the Appeal to the Notice and Declaration of Chronic Nuisance located at 1616 S. Las Vegas Boulevard. PROPERTY OWNERS: COOK LIVING TRUST - C/O BROOKS ROBYNE J TRUST - C/O N COOK - Ward 3 (Reese)

The subject property was deemed to be a public nuisance as defined in Las Vegas Municipal Code, Title 9.04.010 and 9.040.020, dealing with nuisances.

A Notice and Declaration of Chronic Nuisance was sent to the property owners requesting they correct the nuisance per Title 9.

On April 13, 2006 an undercover police officer entered the Market located at 1616 S. Las Vegas Boulevard and bought narcotic paraphernalia from the employee working the cash register. He was arrested on a felony charge and over 400 items of narcotic paraphernalia were recovered and impounded as evidence. The area surrounding the property is the second highest for robberies and we believe that is due to the criminal behavior occurring inside the market by its employees. By illegally selling narcotic paraphernalia to the local drug dealers encourages drug users to loiter on the property and cause crime to increase. Several different officers have tried to work with the owner of the market to decrease the criminal activity occurring around and inside the business but we have received no cooperation. We are working very hard to try to improve the quality of life for all residents and business owners in this area but this is extremely hard when you find one business owner that will not cooperate. This will no longer be tolerated and therefore we suggest the following:

Today's hearing is to review the conditions set by City Council at the August 16, 2006 meeting regarding the Appeal for the Notice and Declaration of Chronic Nuisance filed by Gary Logan, Esq., representing property owner, Robyne Brooks and Brooks Center, property owner and responsible party. More specifically, the Council ordered that the property owner provide 24/7 armed, licensed and bonded security at the property as requested by Metro. To date, the property owner has failed to cooperate with Metro and provide the onsite security.